

SSN Trace or Person Search

A Social Security Number (SSN) Trace is a process commonly used in background checks to gather information about an individual's residential history. It involves searching databases and public records to identify addresses and other locations associated with a specific Social Security Number. The primary goal of an SSN trace is to verify the accuracy of the provided SSN and to establish a timeline of the person's addresses.

Here's how an SSN Trace typically works:

Verification of SSN:

The first step is to confirm that the provided Social Security Number is valid and matches the individual's name. This helps ensure that the person's identity is accurately represented.

Address History and Aliases/AKAs:

Once the SSN is verified, the trace searches various databases and public records to compile a list of addresses associated with that SSN. This can include places of residence, work locations, and other relevant addresses. An SSN Trace may also provide variations of the individual's name such as aliases, AKAs or most commonly, maiden names.

SSN Trace's Purpose:

Aside from validating the subject's identity, the main function of the SSN Trace is to then use their address and alias/AKA information to auto-populate the appropriate county and/or statewide criminal searches.

Please note:

An SSN Trace does not get verified via the Social Security Administration (SSA). The main sources of info provided are:

Public Records



Various public records, such as property records, voter registration records, and driver's license records.

Utility Records



Records from utility companies, such as gas, water, and electricity providers, can provide additional data on an individual's residential history.

Credit Header Data



Credit header data, available through certain data providers, includes basic identifying information associated with an individual's credit profile. Basically, any time someone applies for credit or a loan their address history may be captured by the SSN Trace database.

